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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

## **SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, line 4. The phrase –This application is a divisional of US Application 08/903,559, filed July 31, 1997, now US Patent Number 6,162,429, which claims benefit of US Provisional Application 60/022,915, filed August 1, 1996.— was inserted.

## CLAIMS

Non elected claims 12-17 and 19 have been canceled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Navarro whose telephone number is (571) 272-0861. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynette Smith can be reached on (571) 272-0864. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Mark Navarro Primary Examiner November 24, 2004